BAY HIGH'S NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Coach Eric Collins will lead the Bay High Tigers football team. **7A**

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ORDER IN THE COURT:

RENOVATIONS AT HISTORIC HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

A VINTAGE POSTCARD FEATURING THE HISTORIC 1911 HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN BAY ST. LOUIS.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

EMPLOYEES FROM INTREPID STONE – A NEW ORLEANS BASED RESTORATION COMPANY SUBCONTRACTING FOR J.O. COLLINS CONTRACTOR, INC. OF GULFPORT – WORK FRIDAY TO RENOVATE THE FRONT STEPS OF THE HISTORIC HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN DOWNTOWN BAY ST. LOUIS.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

The second phase of the historic Hancock County Courthouse's two-phase, million-dollar make-over is scheduled to be complete by the end of next month, architect Michael Reeves said this week. "This historic courthouse in downtown Bay St. Louis, built in 1911, was considered the crown jewel and heart of Main Street," according to FEMA's "Hurricane Katrina: A Decade of Progress through Partnerships." However, it was badly damaged by 125 mph winds, lashing rain and flooding when Katrina roared through on Aug. 29,

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MS Supreme Court refuses to review appeal of former girls basketball coach convicted of improperly *'touching'* student

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

The Mississippi Supreme Court on Thursday announced it had refused to review the appeal of former Hancock County High School teacher and girls basketball coach Leslie Danielle Dewitt, who was convicted in 2016 on two counts of touching a child for lustful purposes.
Dewitt was convicted on Oct. 17, 2016, after engaging in a relationship between 2009 and 2010 with a then-16-year old female student who played on the basketball team.
After Dewitt was convicted, Circuit Judge Lawrence Bourgeois, Jr., sentenced her to 30 years in prison -- the maximum sentence for each of the two counts, -- to run concurrently, day-for-day.
After she is released from prison, she must register as a sex offender.
Dewitt appealed the conviction, arguing that a new trial was warranted "because of the service of an unqualified juror who withheld disqualifying information, the trial court incorrectly denied a motion to prevent the admission of a recorded conversation involving the appellant, and the trial court committed reversible error in denying the introduction of a lesser-included jury instruction," because of court records.

DANIELLE DEWITT

The court of appeals ruled in May that it found no error and affirmed the conviction.
Dewitt filed the motion for a rehearing, alleging that one of the jurors should have been disqualified.
"Dewitt argues on appeal that Simmons's service on the jury prejudiced her because he had not been a resident of Hancock County long enough to appreciate its close-knit community feel," according to the appeals court. "However, Dewitt's attorney's actions stand in direct contradiction to her argument. Dewitt's attorney made no objection as to Simmons's admission despite his juror card plainly stating he had only lived in Hancock County for two months.
Additionally, two other jurors did not even provide an answer to the term-of-residency question on their jury cards, one of whom served on the jury with Simmons. Dewitt's attorney also failed to ask any further questions regarding Simmons's voter registration status. When Dewitt and her attorney decided between challenging Simmons or another juror with their last challenge, Dewitt's attorney chose the other juror and made no request for additional challenges, despite knowing that Simmons had only lived in the county for two months."

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BWSD honors 2018 Teachers of the Year

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Bay-Waveland School District Board of Trustees on Wednesday heard an update on student data from each school administrator.
Waveland Elementary principal Steven Engle said that TE21 testing for the fall benchmark has been completed for the first-and-second-graders. "The ELA and Math data is looking good for this time of year," he said. "Our percentages for each grade are heading in the right direction. Kindergarten is currently bench marking now."
North Bay Elementary Principal Jeremy Weir said that last spring's test scores revealed "significant" weaknesses in math. After the first quarter, Weir said, the school's math proficiency is up by 14 percent and math growth for all students is up eight percent. Math growth for students who scored in the bottom 25 percent on last year's state test is up 34 percent from 36 percent to 70 percent. "Our English/Language Arts numbers are not up as much, but we are seeing growth," Weir said. "Our third- grade students will be required to score a level 3 on the state test to be promoted to the 4th grade. This is up from the requirement of scoring a level 2 last year. This new requirement is based on Senate Bill 2157, which states that, 'Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, a student must score above the lowest 2 achievement levels in reading on the

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JESSICA OSCO (LEFT) HELPS HER SON HAYDEN GARTH (CENTER) SPEAK ABOUT HIS TEACHER MIRIAH SINGLETON FROM WAVELAND ELEMENTARY DURING WEDNESDAY'S BOARD MEETING. BWSD SUPERINTENDENT DR. SANDRA REED ALSO CHEERED HAYDEN ON.

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Bay-Waveland Garden Club annual flower show awards

ON DECEMBER 2, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HANCOCK COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE GALA, THE BAY-WAVELAND GARDEN CLUB PRESENTED THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER SHOW, "ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT.'THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HORTICULTURE WENT TO BRENDA CUEVAS, AWARDS OF MERIT WENT TO RAY SPICUZZA (2), KAY LANGE, AND BRENDA CUEVAS. THE TWO ARBOREAL AWARDS WERE WON BY NANETTE MURPHREE AND GAYLE EGAN. THE BOTANICAL ARTISTIC CRAFTS AWARD WENT TO DIANNE STECHMANN, BOTANICAL ARTS DESIGN AWARD WENT TO DARLENE UNDERWOOD, AND THE BOTANICAL HORTICULTURE AWARD WENT TO CINDY LOWE.

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Threatening Emails Target Mississippi Businesses

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JACKSON— Attorney General Jim Hood is issuing a warning to businesses across the state about an international email scam that threatens to bomb a business if money is not transferred to the sender.

The Attorney General's Office was first alerted of such an email Thursday afternoon. The targeted businesses said they received an email that threatened to bomb their business if they did not send a large amount of money in the form of bitcoin, which is a digital currency. This scam is not unique to Mississippi— national news outlets have confirmed the same scam has been identified across the country and other parts of the world.

"The only action someone who receives this email should take is to report it to local law enforcement," General Hood warned. "Our cyber crime investigators worked with local law enforcement yesterday to quickly identify this message as a scam and not a credible threat."

General Hood reminded Mississippians of ways to protect themselves against similar types of scammers:

· Do not respond to any unsolicited e-mails, text messages, or phones calls of this nature.

· Do not click on any attachments associated with such emails, as they may contain viruses or malware.

· Educate yourself and your family on how the scam works.

· Be suspicious of anyone who emails unexpectedly and wants you to wire money–especially out of the country.

· Consider creating a "code word" or a "password" for your family to use in emergency situations as verification of identity, and do not tell it to anyone outside of the family.

· If you get an email or pop-up message that asks for personal or financial information, do not reply or click on the link in the message. Legitimate companies don't ask for this information via email.

· Don't email personal or financial information. Email is not a secure method of transmitting personal information.

If you initiate a transaction and want to provide your personal or financial information through an organization's Web site, look for indicators that the site is secure, like a lock icon on the browser's status bar or a URL for a website that begins "https:" (the "s" stands for "secure").

MDMR MARINE INFORMATION CALENDARS AVAILABLE COASTWIDE

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BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' 2019 Marine Information Calendars are now available at locations along the Coast.

The agency held a photo contest earlier this year, and those chosen are featured each month, as well as on photo pages in the calendar.

The winners of the photo contest are: Cover, Amanda Phillips; January, Mandy Sartain; February, Eric Sparks; March, William Lee; April, Daniel Wilson; May, Courtney Walker; June, David Salters; July, Colin McCain; August, Margie Strickland; September, Sylvia Anderson; October, Jane Anne Sawyer; November, Tim Lawton; December, Patricia Richardson.

This year's calendar features the offices and programs that MDMR administers to protect those coastal resources. The free calendar also contains such information as tide data, sunrise and sunset times, moon phases, artificial reef coordinates, size and possession limits for fish, boating safety requirements and Mississippi saltwater fish records.

The calendars will be available at the following locations while supplies last. Calendars will also be available at Coast bait shops.

Bay St. Louis:

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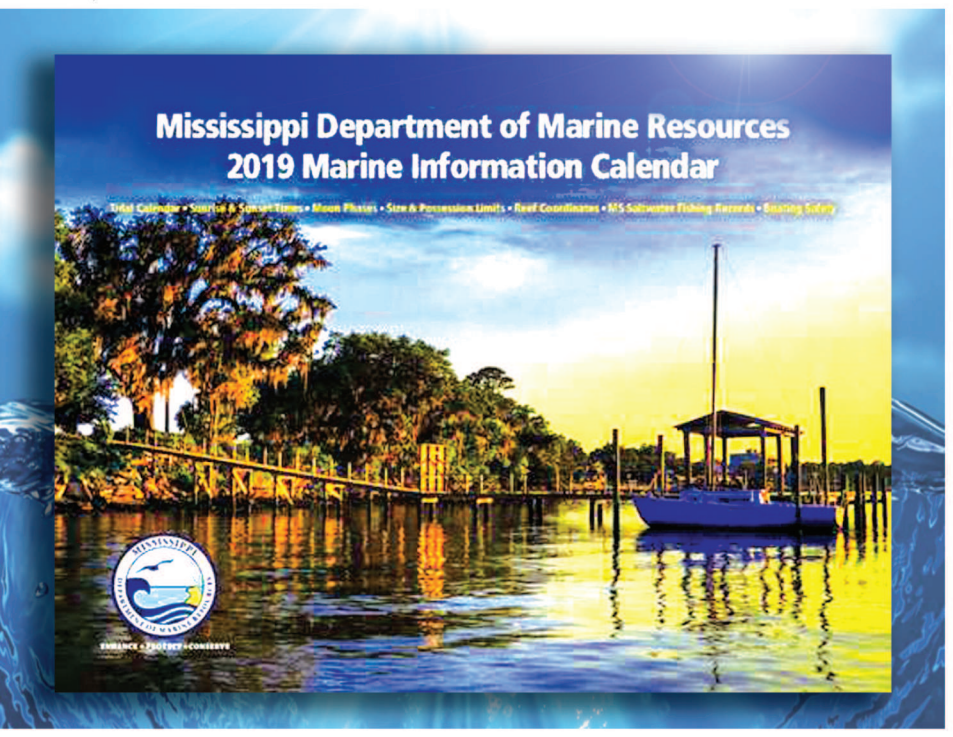

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Carver to step down as judge, run for another office

GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

Long-time Hancock County Justice Court Judge Tommy Carver announced Friday he will not seek reelection.

"I am going to pursue another office and I just wanted to let anyone know who wanted to run for this position I was not going to run for the judgeship," Carver said.

"I'm on my fifth term. I've been there awhile. I got elected in '99, I took office in 2000 and I've been there ever since.

Carver said he is waiting to hear back from the Mississippi Commission of Judicial Performance to see if he must resign his current position before officially announcing his candidacy for another office.

"Judges are held to a different level of accounta-

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Ghosts of Christmas past

I wonder if you are thinking about how it was when you were a youngster on Christmas Eve. If you were like me, you were wondering what Santa would bring you for Christmas.

Cuevas' Quotes

by **Ellis C. Cuevas**

Publisher Emeritus

Many things have changed since I was a child, but I can still remember the first toy that I really enjoyed that I received as a Christmas gift.

My brother Clemence and I both received a wind-up motorcycle cop. It was the first toy we really enjoyed – we had a porch across the front of our home, so we had a lot of room to have motorcycle races.

We received the motorcycle cop as a gift from our Grand-Uncle Mike Morgan, who was a long-time lieutenant on the New Orleans Police Department.

In our home in Waveland, our mother always made sure that all four of us boys would have a game we would all be able to play, such as Chinese checkers, dominos, cards, and of course, a bag of marbles, etc. Marbles was a big game played at the St. Stanislaus Free Day School, (a.k.a. Rip University or Back School, as it was called). That big oak under which the various marbles games were played still stands today. The Back School had 100 or so students with eight grades when I started and when I finished, it had seven grades.

There were only two St. Stanislaus Brothers who each taught 50 or so students in three or four grades in a classroom. I wonder what a teacher would do today with 50 students in a class, teaching four grades?

I still remember how each year Engman's Department Store, located across the street from the school would give us a Christmas party, giving each of us a small gift according to our ages. At home, in addition to a toy or two, our Mother would give us maybe a new pair of shoes, some socks and a clothing item. Our Christmas meal consisted of a stuffed rooster from our chicken yard, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pies, and of course there were delicious fruit cakes. Our mother would bake some two dozen or more fruit cakes prior to Christmas each year. Since I was the oldest, I cracked and peeled a lot of pecans and helped procure and prepare the other ingredients for the fruit cakes. Mother was also a wonderful cake maker.

It always amazed me how she could bake just about everything in the oven on a wood burning stove. I wonder what a modern day mother would be able to cook on a wood burning stove.

By the way, we never had butane gas at our home until I was in the service. My brothers and I had to cut a lot of wood in our youth. The fire had to be built in that wood stove at least three times a day, because our father drank coffee and mother, hot tea. During the war, since our father was away from home six days a week and at home

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Wicker Glad to See Farm Bill Pass Final Hurdle

Positive Senate Outcome Followed Months of Negotiations

From the Senate

by **Roger Wicker**

U.S. Senator

The Senate has passed the "Agriculture Improvement Act," sending to President Trump a bill that empowers our farmers to continue feeding and clothing our nation and the world. This comprehensive legislation, commonly known as the Farm Bill, reauthorizes $867 billion over the next five years to support critical programs for our farmers, low-income Americans, and rural communities.

Although the bill's negotiations were tough, the outcome was the right one for Mississippi farmers. It was imperative for lawmakers to pass this bill before the end of the year and the start of a new Congress. In the end, the bill earned overwhelming support in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

U.S. Farmers & Food Security

The value of the American farmer cannot be overstated. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, one farm can feed 165 people every year.

Multiply this number by more than two million – the number of farms in America – and our farmers' impact on the well-being of humanity becomes clear. Our state alone has more than 36,000 farms contributing to the production of the healthy food and fiber that sustain our families and our communities.

With so many lives relying on our agricultural growers and producers, Congress has a responsibility to enact policies encouraging their success. This Farm Bill does that by recognizing the risks our farmers face, such as hazardous weather and the volatility of global markets, both of which we have seen this year. It mitigates those challenges by strengthening the programs that give our farmers peace of mind when times get tough. This certainty is as important to the daily operations of a farm as it is to the overall food security of our nation.

The Farm Bill also champions the long-term safety and vitality of our agricultural resources through responsible conservation practices.

Wins for Rural Broadband, Timber Innovation

Tying together the goals of predictability and stewardship is a provision I authored to promote rural broadband development. Included in the Farm Bill was my "Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act," which aims to equip our farmers and ranchers with the connectivity they need. This technology can enable our farmers to be more competitive by producing more crops on less land for fewer dollars.

I was also pleased to see provisions from the "Timber Innovation Act" in the final version of the bill. These provisions are designed to advance cutting-edge research on timber and timber products. Our local universities are already finding new ways to use local timber – one of Mississippi's most abundant natural resources – and expand market opportunities for our state's foresters.

This multiyear reauthorization of the Farm Bill is a win for America's heartland, giving the Department of Agriculture and the President the resources necessary to safeguard our farmers' livelihoods amid often extreme and difficult circumstances.

Take time to learn about earthquakes

Conservation Corner

by **James L. Cummins**

Wildlife Mississippi

Here in Mississippi, when we hear the word "earthquake," our thoughts tend to go to the West Coast region. But our part of the planet can be unstable too.

We don't have to go too far back in time to find out that on December 16, 1811, a huge earthquake marked the introduction of a set of earthquakes that occurred in Northeast Arkansas and Southern Missouri. The largest earthquakes were felt from Canada to New Orleans and eastward toward the Atlantic coast. Earthquakes and aftershocks are estimated to have lasted 2 years. Since there were no seismic stations at that time, the exact number of earthquakes that occurred as a result remains unidentified. The most prominent damage was to the small settlement of New Madrid, which was situated along the banks of the Mississippi River in Southern Missouri. As a result of the earthquake and erosion of the river, the town literally slid into the Mississippi River and was washed away. The present town of New Madrid was rebuilt near the original site, but is now situated behind a levee.

The area was sparsely populated, so damage to structures was low, but the local forest damages were extensive. There were surface waves that moved along the ground surface. These ground waves caused damage to the woodlands as trees "rode over" the top of the wave. There were widespread cave-ins of banks along the Mississippi River and on steep slopes away from the river. When these slopes crashed, a mass of trees and soil came to rest at the base. The trees usually died and if they came to rest in or next to the river, they were carried away with the flow of the water. The largest factor affecting the forests was immediate changes in the elevation of the land surface. Massive areas extending from Arkansas into Missouri are often referred to as the "sunken lands." In much of this area, the land surface sunk as much as 20 feet. The few accounts of wildlife's reaction to the earthquakes were pretty much the same as the reaction of the people in the affected areas-confused and terrified.

The New Madrid fault is still active and capable of generating damaging earthquakes today. Since

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SECOND CHANCE

Second Saturday

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

With fewer than two full weeks left until Christmas, local merchants are welcoming shoppers with open arms -- particularly in Bay St. Louis, where the Old Town Merchants Association is offering a "Second Chance Second Saturday," since last week's Old Town Artwalk was plagued by torrential rain.

Downtown Bay St. Louis businesses will be open late today -- many offering snacks, beverages and entertainment -- to keep the Second Saturday vibe and attract shoppers.

"Everything (about Second Saturday) remains the same," Old Town Merchants Assoc. President Yuki Northington said, "except it ends at 7 p.m., so that people can go to the Depot to watch the Live Nativity."

It isn't just Old Town, either; from Kiln to Diamondhead to Waveland to the rest of Bay St. Louis to Pass Christian, there are a host of merchants offering a huge selection of merchandise for everyone on your shopping list, including art, antiques, jewelry, mens' and womens' apparel, toys, electronics and New Orleans Saints and LSU memorabilia.

Shopping locally also means thinking outside the box – and sometimes, the big-box store. Most Hancock County-area businesses offer gift certificates for everything ranging from liquor to fine dining to hair-styling to oil changes.

"Throughout the year - and especially during the holidays - the Hancock Chamber works to raise awareness about the positive impact that shopping local can have," Executive Director Tish Williams said. "Every dollar spent with local merchants helps revitalize our community by providing continued employment."

Hancock High Theatre Troupe going to state championships

Actors earned two all-star cast acting awards, Best Actress of the Competition and the Outstanding Costume Award

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The weekend of December 1st had many highlights for the Hancock High School Theatre troupe; as they traveled to the campus of Southern Mississippi University to participate in the Mississippi Southern Region One-Act Play Competition. HHS performed "The Brown Felt Hat" and was awarded "Distinguished Play" award and will join three other southern region schools at the Mississippi Theatre Association State Championships in Meridian on January 18, 2018.

Hancock's Troupe awards continued with Senior Emma Smith being award "Best Actress" of the competition. Emma's role, depicting a mother trying to protect her daughter and herself while fleeing 1942 London bombings of World War II was deemed best female performance of the competition.. Emma created a character that the audience and the judges were amazed by and created the environment to tell the story.

Two other Hancock High School actors were honored with "ALL STAR" cast awards. Senior Shelby Lee was honored for the second time in the two years with her portrayal of the war-stressed owner of a hotel housing the American soldiers during World War II. Joining Shelby as an All-Star was Senior Allie Ferrell. Aliie's role, that of a hotel maid from Scotland "just trying to make something of her life", during wartime when most everyone were trying to survive.

An encore performance of "The Brown Felt Hat" will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Hancock County Performing Arts Building, located next to the High School.

The Troupe will also perform on Saturday, January 12th, at the Mary C. O'Keefe Center in Ocean Springs. Also on the stage that evening will be Ocean Spring's state qualifying show, "Scenes from the White Snake"

HHS student EMMA SMITH RECEIVES BEST ACTRESS AWARD AT MTA SOUTHERN REGIONAL.

Judge

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bility," Carver said. However, "I just really wanted to get something out to let people who might want to run to start thinking about it. … I think if somebody wants to run, it's a good opportunity for them."

Carver worked for Hancock Monument prior to becoming justice court judge, and still works for a prominent local funeral home.

"'I'm very humbled that I've been elected five times," Carver said, and also that he won the position the first year out of a field of 11 candidates.

Since then, he has been challenged only once, he said.

"i'm real humbled and pleased with that," he said.

The qualifying period for Hancock County elections is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Jan. 2; and end at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1.

The primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 6; and any runoffs would be held on Tuesday, Aug. 27. General Election Day 2019 is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 5, with any needed runoff elections scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26.

According to Ballotpedia.org, "To serve on this court, a judge must be a qualified elector, a county or district resident for two years, have a high school diploma or equivalent and complete a training course and competency exam within six months of taking office."

Candidates must file with the Mississippi Secretary of STate's office.

For more information, call the Secretary of State Elections Division at 601-576-2550 or 800-829-6786; or email elections@sos.ms.gov.

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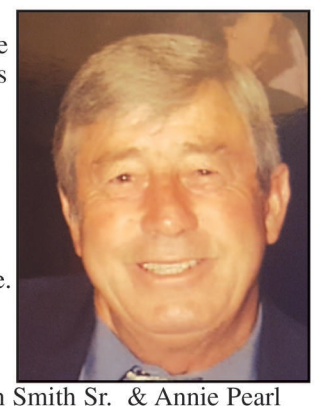

Louis W. Smith 75 of Gulfport passed away peacefully at his home on December 11, 2018 after a brief illness. He was a lifelong resident of Harrison County.

He was born in Gulfport to Allen Smith Sr. and Annie Pearl Mercer Smith on March 20, 1943.

He attended school in Orange Grove and went directly into the work force at a young age. He worked as a heavy equipment operator, and later at Jitney Jungle. Louis began his welding career at Irby Brothers Steel as a welder / fitter/Crane Operator and inspector. Because of his experience at Irby Brothers, in 1967 he began his own welding company, Louis Smith Welding. Through hard work and dedication he grew his small business into a successful steel fabrication and welding entity. The growth of the company escalated when the casino industry began in our area in 1992. He has been a successful business man on the MS Gulf Coast over 50 years as owner of Louis Smith Construction, Inc. / Louis Smith Welding which is still operating today.

He was Orange Grove/Lyman Chamber of Commerce 2009 Business of the Year. Working was always his main objective but his passion was to own and train race horses and remains so to this day. He enjoyed fishing, boating, cooking seafood for family and friends and cruising in his antique cars. He was a Jester, Shriner; Joppa Temple, and a Mason; Orange Grove Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents Allen Smith Sr. & Annie Pearl Mercer Smith, three brothers Herbert Smith, James E. "Smitty" Smith, Alvin Smith, Sr. and his niece Vanessa Smith Ruiz.

He was survived by his wife, Loretta "Tuti" Michel Smith, his daughter Karen E. Smith, his step-son Lawrence L. Hobbs, his grandson Jourdan Louis, his great grandson Carson Lane and his brothers Allen (Lora) Smith & Bobby Ray (Debbie) Smith. He was also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends that loved him very much.

Louis was a kind, generous and fun loving man. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and others who lives he touched.

Services will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home on O'Neal Road, Gulfport. Visitation starts at 1:00pm with a service to follow at 2:30pm. View and sign register book at www.bradfordokeefe.com.

Christmas activities continue this weekend in Hancock County

SEA COAST ECHO

The Christmas events keep on rolling in Hancock County and Pass Christian as Dec. 25 rapidly approaches, and Santa and his crew will be in the area today to keep the holiday spirit flowing.

Santa will be leading the Bayside Fire Department Christmas Parade today at 7 pm. near South Hancock Elementary School, and throughout Bayside Park.

Santa will pose for pictures after the parade with his favorite fans at the Bayside Fire station, while his special elves read aloud many magical Christmas tales.

Also today, Saturday, MAP Kids – in collaboration with the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre – will present the annual live re-enactment of the Nativity with narrative and songs today at 7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Depot Gazebo; and Wednesday, December 19, 5:30 pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Lakeshore Baptist Church invites everyone to its annual Community Christmas Hymn Singing today, at 5:30 pm. The evening of traditional Christmas hymns joins voices of all ages for this seasonal celebration. A refreshment reception, at the Mercy House, will follow the event. Lakeshore Baptist Church is located at 6028 Lakeshore Road, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520.

Other upcoming Christmas events:

December 16

• Shoreline Park Baptist Church will host Breakfast with Santa at 8:30 a.m. at 10121 Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Rd., Bay St. Louis. Festivities start at 8:30 a.m. and include: Breakfast with Santa, photo-ops available and Christmas story, 10:30 a.m. there will be a Christmas musical during the morning service.

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established state assessment for third grade to be promoted to 4th grade.'"

Weir said if that mark had been in place last year, the school would have had about a 77 percent pass rate.

"Based on benchmark data from diagnostic testing, this coming spring, we will have a pass rate of 83 percent," Weir said.

Bay-Waveland Middle School Principal Jenny Seymour talked to the board about the school's Additional Targeted Support and Improvement status.

"We were identified as an ATSI school based on the average of our students with special needs and disabilities, their performance over the last three years," Seymour said. "They, unfortunately, fall in the bottom five percent of all special education students in the state."

Seymour said that several changes have been implemented to increase student achievement, including targeting interventions, after-school programs, individualized instruction, and improved testing accommodations.

According to STAR benchmark data for students with disabilities, Seymour said that that data included August to November growth in the areas of reading and math.

Bay High School principal Dr. Amy Coyne said that the school's Algebra, English II, U.S. History, and Biology proficiency projections and growth of students is at a "rate higher than that of our previous year based on initial bench marking so far."

"The senior class ACT sub score averages are also all a slight increase from the year prior," Coyne said. "Our ASVAB scores from the fall testers showed an average score well above the minimum required for a military branch entrance and provides excitement for those wishing to choose this path for their future after high school. Our teachers are working diligently and consciously making decisions about educational paths and teaching methods to help increase student learning each and every day and I cannot thank them enough for their tireless efforts. I also cannot say all of this without thanking the students for their buy in and engagement in the work that we are doing."

In a separate matter, the board also recognized each school's Teacher of the Year.

A student from each of the honorees' classes spoke about why he or she thought the teacher deserved to be named Teacher of the Year.

Miriah Singleton is Waveland Elementary's Teacher of the Year and her student Hayden Garth spoke about his teacher.

Tiffany Marquar is North Bay Elementary's Teacher of the Year.

Jenny Crowder is Bay-Waveland Middle School's Teacher of the Year. Her student Lawrence Peterson spoke about her.

Bay High School Teacher of the Year is Joy Weems. Liam McKeon, Zach Loftin, and Krista D'Angelo spoke about Weems.

Jodie Knight is the Crossroads Learning Center Teacher of the Year. Her student Xavier Ricard spoke about her qualifications for the honor. Marquar is this year's District Teacher of the Year.

Court

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2005.

"When it was reopened in 2009," according to FEMA, "the company that did the renovation received an award from the state's engineering council for the restoration of the building to its original character."

However, the years since -- and the wear and tear of weather and use -- have caused a bit of deterioration.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors initially budged about $1 million for the project, but the cost closer to $1.1 million, Reeves said.

"We're working to make the building safer …," Reeves said. "Overall, it's been a challenge over the whole project to fix the whole building while not doing anything that would be too cost-prohibitive."

Contractors have been at work on the building for months -- first, workers from Mandal's Inc. replaced the courthouse roof with new, Mississippi Department of Archives and History-approved slate.

Currently contractors and subcontractors from J.O. Collins Contractor Inc. of Biloxi are repairing and replacing damaged plaster and other materials throughout the building. They are are also currently blocking in the central breezeway -- complete with new handicap-accessibility -- to help make the facility safer.

"The idea is to create a protective, secure entry in the center that will have a wired security area for the guard and a walk-in metal detector," Reeves said, which Hancock County grand jury reports have recommended for years.

New wheelchair ramps have been installed on both sides of the building to make entrance easier for the handicapped, he said.

The wiring in both the circuit clerk's and chancery clerk's offices will be upgraded, Reeves said, and workers are currently renovating the Gerald C. Gex Family Courtroom to make it more secure.

The courthouse steps -- original to the 1911 structure -- are also being repaired and upgraded by contractors from New Orleans-based Intrepid Stone in a cost-effective manner, Reeves said.

The steps are made of granite, and cost about $3,000 for all 42 steps when the courthouse was originally built; the cost today to replace them would be about $7,000 each, he said, so outright replacing them now would be extremely expensive. Instead, the cracks have been repaired and sagging areas lifted.

All the work should be wrapped up by the end of January 2019, Reeves said.

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A crew of J.O. Collins Contractor, Inc., works Friday to renovate the Gerald C. Gex Family Courtroom inside the Hancock County Courthouse. Below: Contractors are in the midst of blocking in the courthouse breezeway to create a secure, handicapped-accessible entry.

Coach

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The Court of Appeals ruled in September that Dewitt's request for a new trial was without merit.

Dewitt then filed a Writ of Certiorari with the Mississippi Supreme Court. A Writ of Certiorari is a legal means by which an appellate court decides to review a case at its discretion. The word certiorari comes from Law Latin and means "to be more fully informed." A writ of certiorari orders a lower court to deliver its record in a case so that the higher court may review it.

The Supreme Court announced Thursday that it had unanimously refused to review the appeal.

Dewitt may still appeal to the United States District Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Collins tasked with rebuilding BHS Football

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday the Bay High Tigers caught the attention of South Mississippi with the hiring of Eric Collins as their new head football coach following the resignation of Ben Foreman.

Collins, who has been the head coach at d'Iberville High School for three past three seasons, has been a high school football coach in Mississippi and Louisiana for 38 years.

Collins commented, "I am extremely excited to be a part of the tremendous commitment to the athletic program by the Bay-Waveland School District administration. They are hungry to win in all aspects of the student and I am eagerly looking forward to being a part of that."

Collins is a native of New Orleans and played high school ball at First Assembly Academy. He played collegiate football at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, before beginning his coaching career in Louisiana.

In Louisiana, Collins has had coaching stops at Archbishop Hannan, Jesuit and Chalmette high schools before coming to Mississippi where he has coached at Tupelo, Pearl River Central and d'Iberville. He has coached 15 years in Mississippi and 23 years in Louisiana.

At his most recent stop in d'Iberville, Collins won the 2016 Region 4-6A title with a 8-4 record. His three-year record coaching the Warriors is 18-16.

Prior to d'Iberville, Collins had a six-year stop at Pesrl River Central where he twice took the Blue Devils to the Class

Eric Collins

5A South State title game. He had a 42-31 record at PRC.

Collins inherits a Tiger squad that went 1-9 in 2018 but showed the propensity to be in ball games throughout the season. Foreman was 3-27 during his three seasons at the helm.

Collins stated, "I know that they have athletes at Bay High but I have not really performed any research on who they have returning or not. In fact, I would consider that irrelevant because I accepted this challenge based on the fact of how impressed I am with the administration's commitment and desire to win on and off the field. That is what I am about. It is an exciting challenge and one that i am eager to start."

Collins is a run-oriented coach who runs versions of the Wing-T offense. He stated that he has no desire to change what is not broke.

At PRC, he had time mentoring coaches such as Poplarville's Jay Beech, East Central's Seth Smith and Stone's Jon Feaster in the nuances of the offense. His defense's have been stout and played an aggressive style with the front seven.

It is not determined when Collins' start date at Bay High will be as it will be predicated by his contract terms with d'Iberville.

Rocks top Sacred Heart 72-26 on hardwood

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws got back in the win column on the hardwood with a 72-26 victory over Sacred Heart of Hattiesburg on Tuesday evening.

The Rocks (3-9, 0-1) jumped out to a 38-7 lead at intermission and held Sacred Heart at bay in the second half.

SSC head coach Aaron Dunklin commented, "This was a good win for us in terms of getting some confidence back. It also gave us an opportunity to focus on little things that can help a team win or cause a team to lose. We played with great energy and effort. However, we are still a work in progress. We have things to clean up but are heading in the right direction."

The Rocks were paced by Brandon Bordelon with 23 points followed by Blake Kivilich with 13 and Luke Ladner with12 points.

The OLA Crescents (0-7) lost to Sacred Heart 50-28 in the early game.

The Bay High Tigers (5-4, 1-0) fell to St. Martin 51-38 on Tuesday while the Lady Tigers fell 55-23 to St. Martin.

The Hancock Hawks were swept by the Biloxi Indians on Tuesday in division action. The Hawks (2-7, 0-1) fell to the Indians 67-35 while the Lady Hawks (5-5, 0-1) dropped their game 34-25.

The Pass Christian Pirates did not play on Tuesday.

In upcoming action, the Tigers play today in the War on the Shore at SSC against Picayune while the Lady Tigers will.play next on Tuesday, December 18th on the road at Vancleave. The Hawks travel to Long Beach on Tuesday while Pass Christian hosts Gulfport on Wednesday. OLA will not play again until January 10th against North Forrest at home. The Rocks play West Harrison today in War on the Shore. See you at the games!

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OLA blasts Resurrection 6-0, Gelpi has hat trick

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The Our Lady Academy Crescents (4-4-1, 2-1) blasted Resurrection 6-0 in division action on the soccer field on Tuesday evening.

Olivia Gelpi tallied a hat trick in the win while other goals were scored by Ashlyn Davis, Emilie Martin, and Marybeth Viener. Assists were tallied by Allie Gant, Maddie Willis, Aubrey Wawreck, Nina Palazzo and Martin. Paige Palazzo recorded the shutout in goal.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (6-5-4, 2-0) blanked Resurrection on Tuesday evening 2-0 on goals by Max Matsenbaugh and Stephem Bonck. Stephen Schruff recorded the shutout in goal.

The Hancock Hawks swept two varsity contests with Harrison Central on Tuesday. The Hawks (5-5-1, 1-1) bested the Red Rebels 3-2 in a game that went to 'kicks from the mark.' (Shout-out to Dale)

The Lady Hawks (7-3-1, 1-1) defeated Harrison Central 2-0. Game details were not available.

The Bay High Tigers and the Pass Christian Pirates did not play.

In upcoming action, the Tigers will travel to Pascagoula on Monday, December 17th. The Hawks host East Central today and travel to Biloxi on Tuesday, December 18th. The Pass Christian Pirates will host Moss Point on Wednesday, December 19th. The Crescents and the Rocks will travel.across town on Thursday, December 20th to take on the Bay High Tigers in a final battle before the holiday break. See you at the games!

Boat Trailer Gift Surprise

SHORE THING
FISHING REPORT
by Capt. Sonny Schindler

We have still been fishing every chance we can. Most of our activity has been with the redfish. All but one of our trips the past couple of weeks has been in Mississippi Waters. The near shore reefs and shorelines off Hancock County have been very good to us. The bulk of our fish have been caught with a simple Boat Monkey popping cork, 2 feet of 30lb, leader a small split shot and 2/0 khale hook. We have been lucky enough to still have live shrimp. We also been getting a decent mix of speckled trout, flounder, sheepshead, and puppy drum.

I did want to help you folks with another gift idea, for the boater/angler in your life. Most folks around here trailer their boats. A boat trailer MUST been maintained. Most trailers are very tough, but at least once a year you should get them serviced. And people, here is your gift idea. Believe it or not, the finest boat trailers(SPORT TRAIL TRAILERS) made on the planet, are built right here in Waveland, MS. Owner, Kevin Desselle has a building specifically for parts. If the boater in your life needs trailer parts, this is the best place to get them.

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Two Wildcats named Scholar All-Americans

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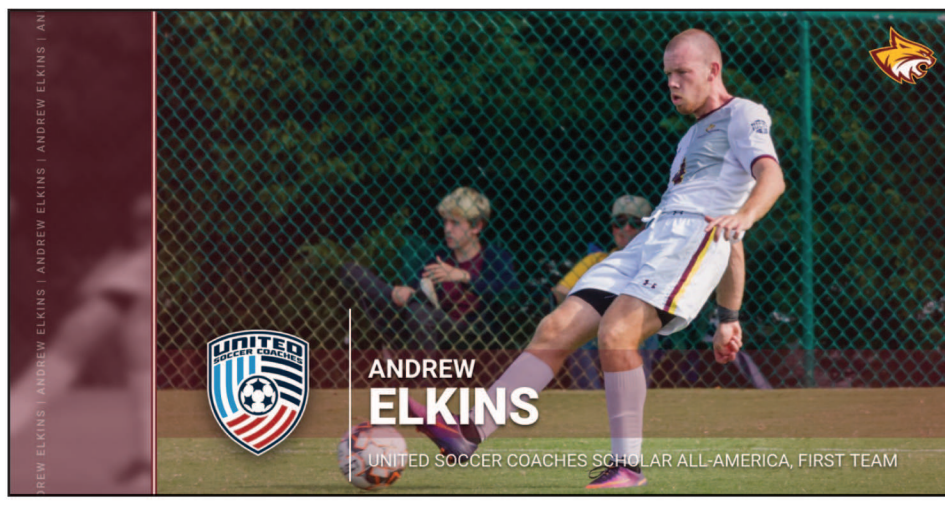

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POPLARVILLE – Two more Pearl River soccer standouts picked up national honors Wednesday.

Defender Andrew Elkins (Bay St. Louis; St. Stanislaus) was named to the United Soccer Coaches Junior College Men's Scholar All-America First Team, with forward Bo Bowman (Bay St. Louis; Bay) landing on USC's second team.

The honor comes a week after forward Jevaun

Bo Bowman

Andrew Elkins

Ennis (Maypen, Jamaica) was named to the USC's All-South Region squad.

"I'm incredibly proud of Bo and Andrew," PRCC coach Drew Gallant said. "They exemplify what it means to be student athletes. Not only were they key to our success on the field this year, but they also went above and beyond in the classroom.

"Whoever signs them will be getting complete student athletes."

Elkins, who is majoring in Business Administration, earned a 4.0 GPA this semester, while Bowman earned a 3.5 while pursuing a Business degree.

The honor is just the latest for both Bowman and Elkins.

Bowman scored 10 goals and four assists as a sophomore this season for the Wildcats and earned a spot on the All-MACJC team and was selected to play in the MACJC Sophomore All-Star Game.

Elkins, who transferred to PRCC following a year at Mississippi College, helped to form one of the more formidable center-back pairings in the league and even got in on the attack, registering a goal and two assists. He also earned a roster spot in the all-star game.

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only one, he did not have enough time to cut wood. He did have to keep our cross cut saws and axe sharp. Our father taught us at an early age how to use just about any tool around in those days.

I sometime wonder just when did we get the time to do all the things that we did as kids, including getting some play time in. One thing's for sure, we never had any idle time to get ourselves into trouble.

Getting back to Christmas, I hope that each and every one of you will have a blessed Christmas and a great meal Christmas Day.

City of Bay St. Louis hosts toy and food drive for the King's Kitchen

SEA COAST ECHO

The City of Bay St. Louis is sponsoring a food and toy drive for The Kings Kitchen to support their annual Christmas luncheon. Since their opening in November of 2012, The King's Kitchen has fed approximately 156,000 meals in the Bay-Waveland community.

They continue to reach out to those in need on a daily basis. There are no restrictions on food donations. Needed toys are for children who are 4 - 10 years of age and toys do not need to be wrapped.

Donation deadline is Thursday, December 20th and all donations may be brought to City Hall, 688 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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North Bay gifted students record stories for Rural Voices Radio

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Third-grade gifted students from North Bay Elementary School have recorded their original written works to be broadcast next year on Mississippi Public Radio's Rural Voices Radio program. Stacey Ferguson and Jennifer Roth, educators for gifted students in the Bay-Waveland School District, worked with the 30 students to prepare for the Dec. 8 recording session. The students chose a topic related to the environment, did research and wrote a brief story to record. The segments will be aired next year on a schedule to be announced later.

"Rural Voices Radio gives my students an authentic audience: the whole state of Mississippi," said Ferguson. "It makes writing important and gives young students effective practice in all aspects of communication. Their confidence soars through this valuable experience, and they are engaged with process learning. Tune in every weekday at 3:28 p.m. for a treat."

Dr. Sherry Swain, a founder of the Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute at Mississippi State University, coached the students before they recorded their writings, as she has done for several years. She said this year's recordings were special because the North Bay students have a passion for the coastal environment and it was evident in their writing.

As student Jersey Galloway waited for her turn at the microphone, she said, "I want people to start recycling so animals won't get hurt." The message student Maicee Caswell wrote about was that people can help the environment by cleaning up a local park or beach. "It makes me feel better, and it makes the world feel better too," she wrote.

Rural Voices Radio, a partnership of Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute and Mississippi Public Broadcasting, features students and teachers from around the state who are selected to share their unique stories of home, place and Mississippi. The program is broadcast daily on all eight of Mississippi's public radio stations.

A grant from the EPA's Gulf of Mexico Program made it possible for Rural

ZAIDEN DUONG, A THIRD-GRADE STUDENT AT NORTH BAY ELEMENTARY, RECORDS HIS ORIGINAL WRITTEN WORK FOR BROADCAST NEXT YEAR ON MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RADIO'S RURAL VOICES RADIO PROGRAM. HE IS AMONG 30 GIFTED NORTH BAY STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR.

Holy Trinity's Journey of Thanksgiving

SEA COAST ECHO

Just before our Thanksgiving holiday, the HTCS Ambassador Leadership Ministry hosted an interactive prayer service for the student body.

As students traveled in teams composed of 1st through 6th graders to stations throughout the school, teachers spoke about the many gifts from God that we are thankful for each day.

Students received items of representation for their buckets at each activity completed.

The cafeteria was the starting point, where teams assembled a puzzle that stated the Blessing Before a Meal, and focused on how food nourishes our physical bodies, but the body and blood of Jesus nourishes our soul.

In the library, the gift of education, specifically Catholic education, was the focus topic. As teams gathered at the school office, they were asked to read a selected Bible verse, which focused on being thankful for the special gift of their unique self. In the art room teams were a part of a project using fingerprints to fill in a beehive to show our thanks for God's beautiful creations and to continue our school theme, "How sweet are Your words."

When teams arrived at the buddy bench on the playground, the gift of friendship was the highlighted topic. In the school chapel, students talked about being thankful for our church and the privilege to pray.

Students sang praises of thanksgiving in the music room. As teams waited for the next station, they worked together to complete a Thanksgiving prayer in the form of an acrostic poem.

For a question and answer station, teams shared faith-filled experiences such as, their favorite Saint, favorite Bible story, and times when they were called upon to pray for someone. At the Shrine of Mary, students gave thanks for our families on Earth and our Heavenly Family. Teams finished the journey in the Church with a prayer service.

A big thanks to the young men of St. Stanislaus for assisting our teams on their journey.

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Pass Christian Middle School Teacher Receives Grant

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Lori Fisher, gifted teacher at Pass Christian Middle School, was recently awarded the Pat Santucci Education Fund Grant.

This grant, in the amount of $2,000 will be used for a project called "Going BEAM: Building Efficient Architectural Models."

With this project, students will learn how to apply the "green" concept to the field of architecture and construction as they collaboratively design affordable, sustainable table-top housing units. They will be introduced to various types of architecture as they learn about the art and science behind designing buildings. Culminating the unit, the students will host a "green" expo to display their models.

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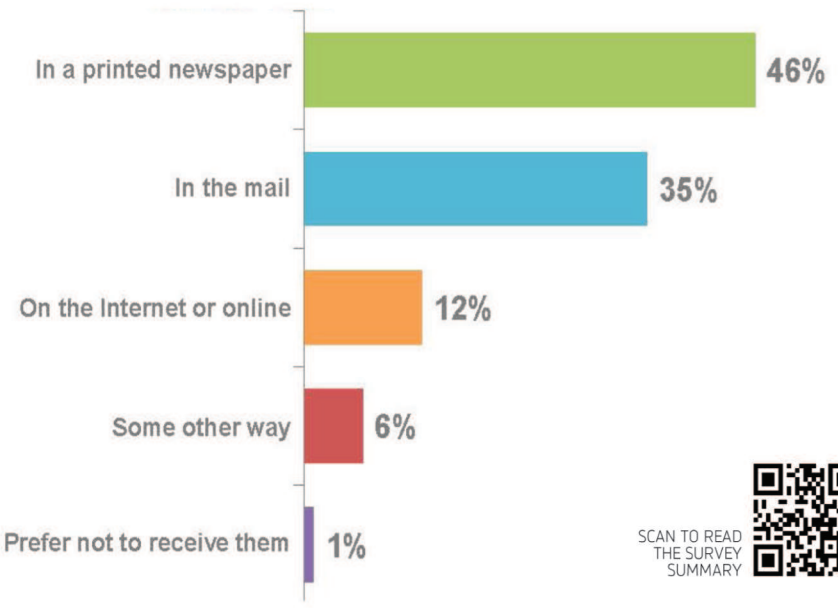

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The Community CALENDAR

December 15

• Christmas Live Nativity Re-enactment. Performed by MAP; hosted by the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre on the Depot grounds in Bay St. Louis. Event begins at 7p.m.

• The Navy Wives Club of America Honeybees Chapter 257 will host the 3rd Annual National Wreaths Across America Event at St. Joseph-Rotten Bayou Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. Volunteers will place live wreaths on the graves of more than 225 veterans interred at the cemetery. There will also be a ceremony featuring guest speakers, TAPS, 21-gun salute and a special guest who will perform during the ceremony.

• The Ernie Zimmerman Friends & Family Live Catch Tournament will take place on December 15th at 7AM at the Bay Marina! The entry fee is $40, which includes a shirt AND a CCA Christmas Dinner Party ticket. Captain's Meeting will take place Dec 14th at 6pm. Over $1500 in prizes will be awarded by raffle ticket drawing. You will receive 4 tickets for entering the tournament and 1 for each live trout accepted by GCRL. CCA Christmas Party will start at 2pm with dinner plates available for $10 for those not entered in the tournament. The Bay Chapter Meeting that is usually held on Thursday will instead be held on Saturday, Dec 15 at 2 p.m.

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December 17

• The Hancock County Board of Supervisors meets at 9 a.m. at the county annex building.

December 18

• Coffee with a Cop will be held at PJ's Coffee House from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

• The Bay St. Louis City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. at 598 Main St.

December 19

• Christmas Live Nativity Re-enactment. Performed by MAP; at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Event begins at 5:30 p.m.

• The Waveland Board of Mayor and Alderman meet at 6:30 p.m. at city hall on Coleman Avenue.

December 21

• The Hancock County Senior Citizens Center will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 21 through Jan. 1, 2019. The center will re-open at 8 a.m. on Jan. 2.

• The deadline for placing legal or classified advertising in the Wednesday, Dec. 26 edition of the Sea Coast Echo is noon on Friday, Dec. 21.

December 25

• The King's Kitchen will be serving a free traditional Christmas dinner on Christmas Day from 11:30 am until 1 pm for everyone regardless of need. The King's Kitchen is located at 205 Longfellow Rd. in Bay St. Louis.

December 28

• The deadline for legals or classifieds in the Wednesday, Jan. 2 edition is noon on Friday, Dec. 28.

December 31

• Bourgeois Stieffel Ray Sons of the American Legion Squadron #77 of Waveland will host a New Year's Eve celebration featuring Elvis impersonator Nick Perkins and professional country legends impersonator Dana Myers. Together they will perform on stage at the American Legion Hall, located at 503 Waveland Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m. Event starts at 8:30 p.m. and lasts until midnight. Tickets are $15 each and can be purchased at the American Legion on Tuesday and Thursday or by calling 228-467-2198. This is a BYOB event as well as bring your own snacks for your table. Soft drinks and beer will be available for purchase. Party favors will be distributed. Come ring in the New Year with Nick and Dana and listen to some of the best country music legends such as Elvis, Conway Twitty, George Jones, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Shania Twain and others. All proceeds support our veterans.

January 18

• A benefit concert with featured artist The Kingsmen and Gold City Quartets will be held at 7 p.m. at the Heritage United Methodist Church, located at Hwy. 98 west in Hattiesburg. Tickets on sale now. Advance ticket cost: Artist circle $25 each - General admission $20 each - Groups of 10 or more $18 each. Order tickets by phone at 601-261-3371 or online at www.itickets.com. Tickets available at the Heritage UMC office (Mon.-Thur. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.) For information, call the church office at 601-261-3371. All proceeds go to R3SM (Recovery, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi) who coordinates restoration, rebuilding, and disaster recovery services to low-income families and individuals living in Mississippi's Pinebelt. Seating is limited.

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Cookies *for* Santa

BY LINDA BIGLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With Christmas a little more than a week away, it is time for us to get busy preparing some treats for that jolly old man. No, the jolly old man is not your husband after he has imbibed in way too much eggnog. We want to make some cookies for Santa.

This first recipe will make enough cookies for Santa, his reindeer, and all of his elves. You can easily cut the recipe in half. Let your children figure out the math; it will give them something useful to do.

Big Batch Oatmeal Cookies

One pound butter, softened

2 cups light brown sugar, packed

2 cups white sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 teaspoons cinnamon

4 large eggs

3 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons salt

2 teaspoons baking soda

6 cups quick-cooking rolled oats

One and a half cup dried cranberries or toasted chopped pecans or an equal combination of both

In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugars until fluffy.

Mix in the vanilla and cinnamon.

Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

In a separate bowl, combine the flour, salt, and baking soda; slowly stir into the creamed mixture until combined.

Stir in the remaining ingredients.

Pre heat your oven to 350 degrees.

Line cookie sheets with parchment paper. If not using parchment paper, grease cookie sheets well.

Drop cookie batter by teaspoons full about 2 inches apart.

Bake about 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Remove from oven and cool on wire racks.

Store in an air tight container when completely cooled.

Makes approximately 14 dozen cookies

These next cookies are a twist on lemon bars. Since it is Christmas with green as one of the predominate colors, we are going to make some lime bars. If you have any left-over limes, you can always make margaritas.

Lime Bars

Crust:

1 cup all-purpose flour

4 tablespoons butter, softened

One half cup toasted chopped pecans

One fourth cup sugar

Pre heat the oven to 350 degrees.

Using a pastry blender or food processor, combine the ingredients until crumbly.

Spray a 12x8 baking pan with non-stick spray and place parxhment in the bottom of the pan.

Bake for 15 minutes.

Lime Filling:

2 eggs

2 teaspoons grated lime peel, green part only. (Grate the peel before cutting the limes.)

2 tablespoons lime juice

1 cup sugar

2 tablespoons flour

One half teaspoon baking powder

Powdered sugar for dusting the tops after baking

Whisk the eggs until frothy.

Add the remaining ingredients, except powdered sugar and whisk until combined.

Pour over baked crust and place in the oven for about 25 minutes or until set.

Remove from oven, cool, and then dust with powdered sugar.

Cut into bars or squares.

Makes about 30 depending on how big you cut them.

The final recipe requires no cooking, but we may want to limit Santa's consumption least he get a DWI. I am almost sure everyone has Grandma's recipe for this confection.

Bourbon Balls

2 tablespoons cocoa powder

1 cup powdered sugar

One fourth cup good Bourbon, not the cheap stuff you serve your pesky brother-in-law

2 tablespoons light corn syrup

2 cups crushed vanilla wafers

1 cup finely chopped toasted pecans

Additional powdered sugar for coating the completed balls

Sift the cocoa and powdered sugar together.

Combine the Bourbon and corn syrup and stir into the sugar and cocoa mixture. Mix well.

Add the crushed vanilla wafers and pecans; stir until all ingredients are completely combined.

Roll into one inch balls and toss into the additional powdered sugar until well coated. Let dry before placing in a container.

Makes about 30.

FIFTH GRADERS AT SOUTH HANCOCK WROTE A STORY TO RAISE MONEY FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THE STUDENTS TOLD THE LIBRARIAN THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SELL COPIES OF THEIR STORY FOR $1, AND HOPED TO EARN $100 TO DONATE TO ST. JUDE. THE STUDENTS RAISED $83 AND AN ANONYMOUS DONOR CONTRIBUTED $17 TO HELP THE STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOAL. FROM LEFT, DOMINICK DAWS, KAISON KOENENN, AUSTIN REEVES, TY GREEN, COOPER BURKE, REED BROWN.

This cutie is Petey, a 2 year old Terrier mix, who makes us all smile with his loveable personality and adorable face. What is a crying shame is that a dog this sweet natured and trusting of humans was likely dumped by his former owner. He was found on Texas Flat Rd far away from any homes or businesses. Yet, he bears no grudge, and only seeks to please and to show his affection to our staff and volunteers. Petey is a great dog in search of an equally great family or best friend. We have observed at the shelter and at Pet Smart that Petey is friendly with other dogs once he feels comfortable in their presence. He is apprehensive of high energy, assertive dogs. He would, however, be a great friend for a calm, submissive dog. He was very playful with a group of young students who visited us recently at the shelter, and he loved hanging out with our Fourth grade volunteers at Pet Smart yesterday. He walked leisurely on a leash and harness, and did not pull at all. We are unsure if he is house or crate trained. Petey would thrive in a family with active children, or be equally as happy as the loyal BFF of a single person or couple looking for a fun companion. We hope you'll give this precious boy the second chance he so deserves. Call 466 4516 for more information on Petey, or come by the shelter at 7175 Texas Flat Rd, Kiln, to visit him in person. He will win your heart. Visit our Facebook page, Hancock County Animal Shelter, MS, to see more pictures of Petey and of the many other wonderful, adoptable animals looking for their forever homes.

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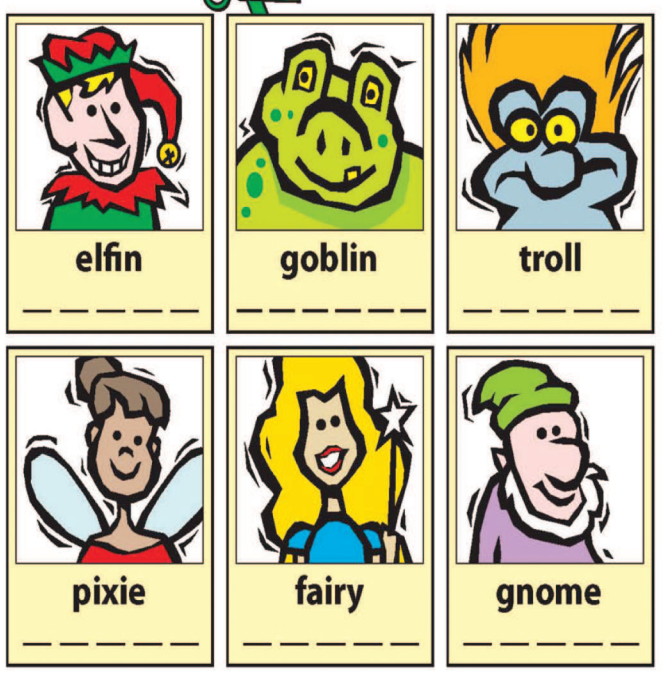
Hi, kids! Here's a game we elves like to play at the North Pole. We hope you like it as much as we do. **Happy Holidays!**

The BIG FUN with Little People GAME

Whoops! Edgar Elf dropped candy canes all over this page. How many can you find?

Get Ready to Play!

1. Find a marker for each player. Buttons and small pebbles work great!
2. Get a piece of paper and a pencil for each player.
3. Find one die.
4. Cut out the **Little People** cards.
5. Each player chooses a **Little People** card.
6. Start on the star.
7. Roll the die. Move that number of spaces.
8. If a player lands on a space with a letter that can be used on his/her card, write the letter on the piece of paper.
9. First person to spell the name on his/her card, wins the game.



Kid Scoop Together

What is sometimes bigger than Santa, sometimes smaller than Santa, but doesn't weigh anything at all?

To reveal the answer, use the hints to fill in the empty boxes and create 3-letter words. The answer will appear by reading shaded boxes vertically.

1.		H	
2.	S		
3.			D
4.	A		
5.			Y
6.		A	
7.			I
8.			W
9.			N

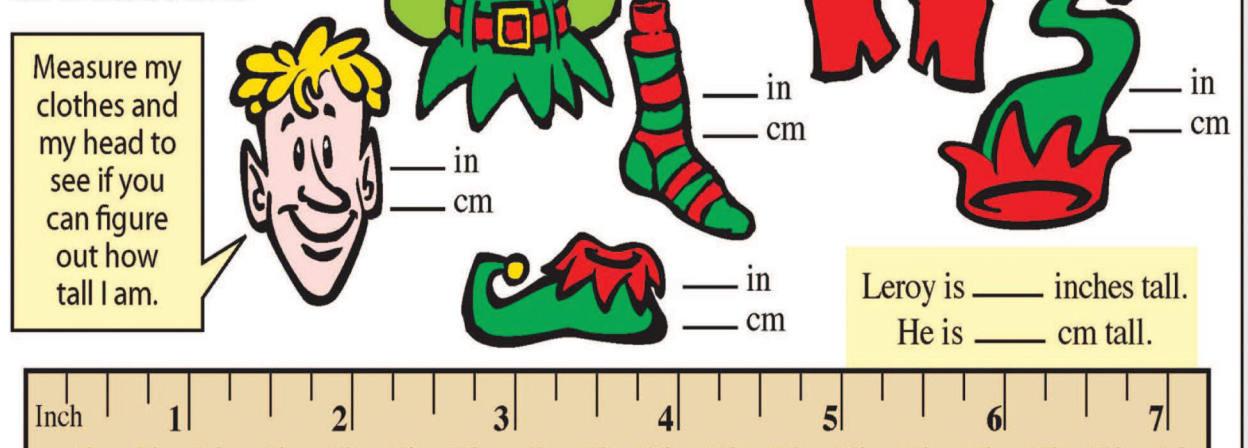
HINTS:

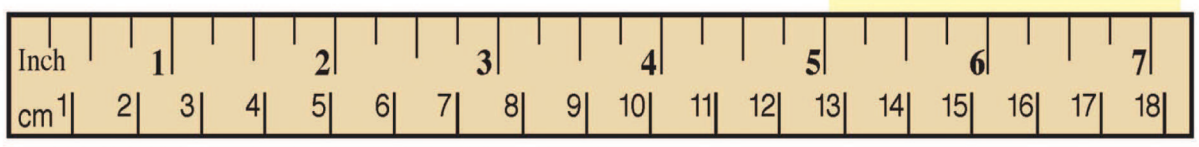
1. Santa wears one on his head.
2. Taking a tiny drink of hot cocoa.
3. The opposite of the happy.
4. What's left after a fire.
5. Timid
6. Movie stars do this.
7. A weak light, not bright.
8. To pull a vehicle with another.
9. The opposite of lose.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Elf Clothes

How tall is an elf? Here are some hints from Leroy, one of Santa's elves.





Standards Link: Math: Measurement using standard units; computing sums.

Extra! Extra!

Elf Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- Something sweet
- Four 4-digit numbers
- Something small
- Something smaller
- Something huge
- Something that shows what the weather is like

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

"WEE" is found inside some words you know. Do you know these?

Not on top, not on the bottom, but ___WEE___

Sugar is ___WEE___

To cry or to WEE___

What do you do with a broom? ___WEE___

A bird says ___WEE___

Standards Link: Word Recognition: Recognize and use knowledge of spelling patterns and word chunks.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

SCAVENGER
BUTTONS
CANDY
CANES
PLAY
WEATHER
READY
CLOTHES
TALL
GAME
ELVES
SHORT
POLE
FUN

S	E	V	L	E	S	Y	E	R	L
F	G	A	L	M	R	E	E	W	R
E	N	S	A	O	S	G	N	E	N
B	U	T	T	O	N	S	A	A	O
W	F	C	C	E	S	D	E	T	C
F	A	U	V	A	Y	H	L	H	N
F	Y	A	L	P	N	C	O	E	A
N	C	G	A	M	E	D	P	R	D
S	E	H	T	O	L	C	Y	Y	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recongized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Find the two identical snowmen.

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word FROSTY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

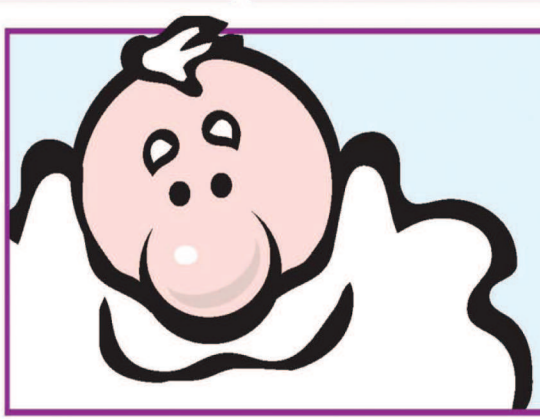
F	R	S	T	O	Y
R	T		F	Y	
O	Y	F			T
S	F		Y		
T		Y		S	F
Y			O	F	R

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

The Long and Short of It

St. is an abbreviation or shorter way to spell the word *saint*. Clip examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Paste them onto a piece of paper. Write the whole word next to the abbreviated form.

Standards Link: Word Recognition: Recognize common abbreviations.



What does Santa Claus do when it is not Christmas?

ANSWER: He is probably a farmer because he always says, "Hoe, hoe, hoe!"

Write On!

Holiday Laughs

Tell your family your favorite holiday jokes and riddles today.

DEVOTIONAL PAGE

MAKING FIRST IMPRESSIONS

BY GARY ANDREWS
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There's an old saying that says, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." How true this is. When we meet or talk with someone new we need to be on our very best behavior because how that person sees us at that moment will judge us by our actions and conversation. Thinking back over the years I was in the newspaper business, I attended many conferences and meetings. Like most other industries newspaper people enjoy their fun whether it is taking a casual drink, speaking about someone else, or just being a down to earth person. I remember my first meetings of being offered alcoholic beverages and turned them down. After a few times people realized I didn't drink and quit offering, however they never turned their back on me or kept me from being a part of their group.

They respected my beliefs, my actions, and my wisdom concerning the industry. Most of the time I was listening to others about the industry because I stayed in a continuous learning mode.

In the gospel of Mark we learn about the first impressions Jesus made on people as he traveled around the country. In Mark 1:22 we are told, "And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." The people of that day formed impressions of this young teacher. He became known as a man of God's power who spoke with authority of the Scriptures. He was a skillful debater, a confident and wise teacher, and man who gave Himself generously to those in need. He also became a man known for hanging out with all the wrong people when He invited Levi, a tax collector, to become part of His group.

Has the world changed any?

Aren't we still judged by what we say and who we hang around with, even though people may not understand or see the reasoning of our actions. I remember as a young college student I was always nominated as the dedicated driver after school functions and made sure my friends got home safe. They had their fun however they relied on my friendship to take care of them when they had been drinking. Even though I was a total tee-totaler I was labeled by some as a care free casual drinker even though I never touched the stuff.

Many false impressions are taken by people that don't know you when they see you hanging around with someone they do know and have made impressions about.

What kind of impression do you make on people? What kind of impression has Jesus made on you? The world will tell you that Jesus is not the way, but the Bible tells us He is the Way, the Truth, and the Light. He is the only way to eternal life after we leave this world.

Are you one that will impress people about being a follower of Christ or will you impress people about being a follower of the world?

SUGGESTED DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY
Mark 2:13-17

MONDAY
2 Chronicles 9:1-8

TUESDAY
Acts 16:35-40

WEDNESDAY
1 Kings 13:17-33

THURSDAY
1 Corinthians 3:1-4

FRIDAY
Hosea 7':11-16

SATURDAY
Philippians 1:12-17

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CV-733-SS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2018, BY THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF **WILMA LOUISE BANKS BEECH**, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTRATION ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THIS DATE. FAILURE TO PROBATE AND REGISTER CLAIMS WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS OF THIS DATE WILL OPERATE TO FOREVER BAR SUCH CLAIMS.
THIS, THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2018.
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BARRY EVERETT LEE, PETITIONER
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LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF **GENEVIEVE VICTORIA GORDON**, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTRATION ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THIS DATE, OR THEY WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
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LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF **PATRICIA ANN KLEMME**, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTERED ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THIS DATE, OR THEY WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LESTER TERRY, DECEASED
BY: TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR
CAUSE NO. 17-268-JP
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TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF **LESTER TERRY**, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE ESTATE OF LESTER TERRY, DECEASED
TO: THE KNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF LESTER TERRY, DECEASED INCLUDING EVELYN MARTIN, CAROLYN T. BASHAW, STEVEN TERRY, SHEILA LUNSFORD ELLIOT, KENNETH LUNSFORD, PAUL T. CARDELLI, LINDA S. ANDERSON AND JOSEPH R. CARDELLI
You have been made a Defendant in the civil action filed in this Court. Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, as Temporary Administrator, in the Matter of the Estate of Lester Terry, Deceased, is seeking to determine and adjudicate the heirs of Lester Terry, Deceased, for the purpose, inter alia, of compliance with the laws of descent and distribution, in determining the lawful heirs of Lester Terry, and all persons interested in his Estate.
You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 16th day of January, 2019, in the Chancery courtroom of Harrison County Courthouse, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the complaint.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 27 day of November, 2018.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL QUALIFICATIONS SOLICITATION ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed proposals will be received by, on and in behalf of Hancock County until 4pm January 3 2019 at 854 Highway 90, Ste A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.
Request for Proposals as follows: EFFICIENCY SERVICES PROGRAM
Terms and specifications may be obtained at the 854 Highway 90 Ste A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, 228-467-0172. ATTN: Eddie Favre, County Administrator
Proposals should be marked **"RFP Efficiency Services Program"** on outside of envelope.
Hancock County has the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities therein and to determine which is the best proposal.
By order of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Regular Meeting of December 17, 2018.
Eddie Favre, County Administrator
12/15; 12/22/18

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Waveland until 4pm Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 301 Coleman Ave, Waveland Mississippi.
The Request for Proposals solicits proposals for the provision of energy efficiency services, as contemplated under Mississippi Code Section 31-7-14, relating to the installation, operation, and maintenance of equipment, improvements reasonably required to existing or new equipment and existing or new improvements and facilities or the design, installation, ownership, operation and maintenance of energy efficiency equipment.
Terms, conditions, and specifications relating to the submission of proposals, the terms of evaluation and selection of proposals, financial terms, legal responsibilities and all other terms may be obtained at the above address from the City Clerk's office.
Proposals should be sealed and marked **"RFP Efficiency Services Program"** and the name and address of the proposer on the outside of the envelope.
Sealed proposals will be opened on January 8, 2019, at 6:00 pm at 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, Mississippi in the Board Room at City Hall.
The City of Waveland has the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, and to waive informalities therein, and to determine which is the best proposal.
By order of the City of Waveland, Regular Meeting, November 16th, 2018.
City of Waveland
ON FILE Mayor Mike Smith
12/15/18

Food and toy drive

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The City of Bay St. Louis is sponsoring a food and toy drive for

The Kings Kitchen to support their annual Christmas luncheon. Since their opening in November of 2012, The King's Kitchen has fed approximately 156,000 meals in the Bay-Waveland community. They continue to reach out to those in need on a daily basis. There are no restrictions on food donations. Needed toys are for children who are 4 - 10 years of age and toys do not need to be wrapped.

Donation deadline is Thursday, December 20th and all donations may be brought to City Hall, 688 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Community support is vital and very much appreciated!

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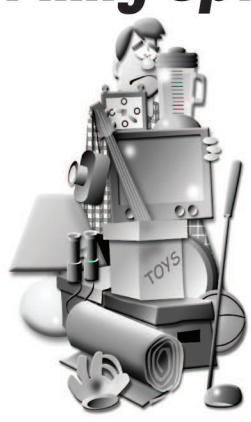

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Long Beach Firefighters Graduate State Fire Academy

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Firefighters Jessie C. Peterson, Jr. and Phillip W. Price of the Long Beach Fire Department graduated December 13, 2018 from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 Firefighter I-II course held at the Mississippi State Fire Academy in Jackson, MS.

This intense seven-week course included classroom and hands-on instruction in the areas of fire behavior, fire suppression, rescue, incident command, hazardous materials and other fire related topics. This course meets and exceeds the National Fire Protection Association for Firefighter Qualifications and the uniform minimum training standards stated in the Mississippi Code section 45-11-7.

The Mississippi State Fire Academy is a division of the Mississippi Insurance Department. Commissioner Mike Chaney and Academy Executive Director Reggie Bell conclude that firefighters, through their newly acquired skills and knowledge, will be an asset to the fire departments they represent in implementing fire protection and prevention for their community.

FROM LEFT, PHILLIP W. PRICE AND JESSIE C. PETERSON, JR.

Kiln Christmas Parade postponed due to weather

SEA COAST ECHO

The Kiln Christmas Parade, originally scheduled for Dec.8 has been postponed due to the forecast for heavy rain.

It has been rescheduled for December 22.

Officials made the determination to postpone the parade after our Community Calendar in today's edition had already been printed.

Another event scheduled for today that has been affected by the forecast is the Bay St. Louis Bicentennial celebration.

The event is still scheduled for 3 p.m. today, but will take place inside the Kate Lobrano House headquarters of the Hancock County Historical Society.

See our special section inside today's edition for more information.

The Bourgeois Stieffel Ray American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 will still sponsor its annual Children's Christmas Craft Fair today from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 77 located at 503 Waveland Ave. The Christmas Craft Fair is open to boys and girls ages 4-12.

MAP Kids and BSLLT Live Nativity

SEA COAST ECHO

MAP Kids, in collaboration with the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, is presenting the annual live re-enactment of the Nativity with narrative and songs to celebrate the Christmas season. Still needed are kids from K to 12 to participate.

Rehearsals are Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm, through December 13 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead. Performances are Saturday, December 15, 7:00 pm at Bay St. Louis Depot Gazebo, and Wednesday, December 19, 5:30 pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Anyone interested in participating please contact Betty Patecek, 228-332-6183.

Hancock High School Students of the Month

SEA COAST ECHO

Hancock High School is proud to recognize the following students who were selected as Student of the Month. These students were selected for exhibiting Hawk Pride in their actions. Hawk Pride represents the attitudes of perseverance, respect, integrity, determination, and excellence. These students who won this honor are notable for making outstanding strides toward improvement and achievement.

For the month of August, Thomas Brimson is Student of the Month. Thomas is the son of Jasmine and Chris Gonzales of Bay St. Louis. He is currently a senior and plans to attend Pearl River Community College to study photography. When asked what teacher inspired him Thomas noted Mrs. Kelley McKnight for teaching him the importance of being a teacher as well as a good leader.

September Student of the Month is sophomore Brandon Merwin. He is the son of Paul and Teresa Merwin of Catahoula. Brandon is a member of Student Council, Beta Club, FBLA, HHS News Team, Renaissance Club, Performing Arts, and Educators Rising. He also serves as Master of Ceremonies at Hancock Pep Rallies. In the future, Brandon plans to attend Ole Miss where he will major in broadcast journalism.

Thomas Brimson

Brandon Merwin

Gavin Wolz

Payton Authement

Brandon notes that Mrs. Heather Spengler inspires him because she is a caring, hardworking woman. He noted that he is very thankful for this award and plans to make HHS better every day.

Gavin Wolz was selected as Student of the Month for October. He is the son of Beth and Randy Wolz of Picayune. He is a member of Science Club and STRIDE Club. In the future, Gavin plans to pursue a career as a painter. He notes that he is inspired by Mr. Len Jenkins because of his knowledge of karate as well as Coach Anthony Dewitt because of his cool and helpful personality. Gavin also wants to thank Ms. Shani Bourn and Miss Kayla Karl for allowing him to participate in science activities.

For the month of November, Payton Authement was named Student of the Month. He is the son of LeaAnne and Douglas Authement of Diamondhead. He is a member of the football team. In the future, Payton plans to become a game producer. He notes that every teacher at Hancock inspires him to work harder. Payton says he lives by the motto of, "Never give up!"

Hancock Middle School Students Earn 1st and 2nd Place Awards in The Patriot's Pen Essay Competition

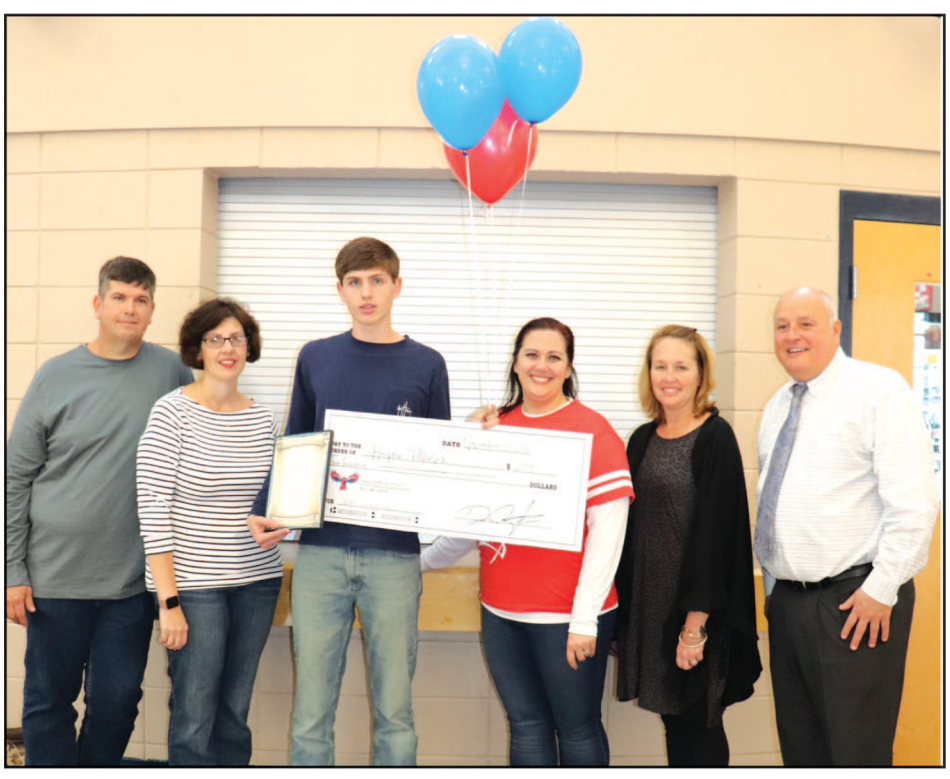
SEA COAST ECHO

Two Hancock Middle School students were recently recognized for their writing achievement in the VFW Post 2880 Patriot's Pen Scholarship Program.

The theme for this year's essay competition was "Why I Honor the American Flag". First place winner, Amy Reeves, will receive $300 and her essay will be forwarded to the district competition. Amy is a 7th grader and is the daughter of Joshua and Ginny Reeves. Second place winner, Hayden Peterson, will receive $200. Hayden is an 8th grader and is the son of Gerald and Maria Peterson.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post (Diamondhead Post 2880) sponsors The Patriot's Pen essay competition. The Patriot's Pen essay competition is open to all students in grades 6-8. Amy and Hayden will be recognized by the VFW at the VFW Christmas Dinner.

From left, Mr. Alan Dedeaux, Superintendent of Education; Joshua Reeves, father of Amy Reeves; Amy Reeves, Ginny Reeves, mother of Amy Reeves; Christene Murray, teacher.



From left, Gerald and Maria Peterson, parents of Hayden Peterson; Hayden Peterson; Amanda Cloy, teacher; Dr. Jessica Taylor, Principal HMS; and Mr. Alan Dedeaux, Superintendent of Education.

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